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COL. PATRICK COLLINS, BATTLE
TACTICS EXPERT, 64

HON. PAUL McHALE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. McHALE. Mr. Speaker, Col. Patrick Gerald Collins, who as a retired marine officer advised the service and other organizations about the tactics, training needs, and battlefield doctrine of tomorrow, died last Thursday in Fairfax, VA, at the home of one of his daughters. He was 64 and lived in Hampton, NH, near Portsmouth.

The cause was a heart attack his family said.

Colonel Collins fought in two wars—in Korea, as a forward artillery observer, and, after being commissioned, in Vietnam. His decorations included the Silver Star, five Bronze Stars, and three Purple Hearts.

He retired from active duty in 1969 and at his death was a training and operations consultant at the Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory in Quantico, VA. He also advised organizations including the Institute for Defense Analysis, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and the U.S. Justice Department.

The marines valued Colonel Collins for his advice on the service's probable battlefield role in future conflicts. When he died last week, he was praised by Gen. Charles C. Krulak, Commandant of the Marine Corps, the service's highest-ranking officer, as "perhaps our finest small-unit tactics instructor."

Colonel Collins was born in Grosse Pointe, MI, and enlisted in the Marines at 18. He was commissioned in 1958, after his combat service in Korea, and served three tours of duty in Vietnam, first leading reconnaissance and infantry platoons and companies, then serving as a battalion executive officer and a battalion commander.

He also served in Europe, headed a special training group at Camp Lejeune, NC, and was on the general staff at Marine Corps headquarters. He graduated from Army Ranger School and Navy Diving School before distinguishing himself instructing combat units. He served as a special assistant to three Marine Corps commandants and was credited with helping to shape the service's special operations objectives in the 1980's.

While in the service, Colonel Collins also became a regular college student. He graduated in business administration from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and received master's degrees in Irish studies from Catholic University in Washington and in administration from Chapman College in Orange, CA.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Mary Fallon Collins; their son, Michael S., of Hampton; three daughters, Kara Collins of Fairfax, and Rose Sullivan and Maira Collins, both of Hampton, and four grandchildren.

THE WORDS OF LT. GEN. WM. M. "BULL" KEYS, USMC (RET); IN FAREWELL TO HIS FELLOW WARRIOR, COLONEL PATRICK G. "PADDY" COLLINS, U.S. MARINE ON JULY 22, 1997

Mary (Collins) asked that I say a few words about Pat. I know there are many people

here today who could stand up here and tell wonderful and funny stories of their memories of Colonel Pat Collins.

Many would be much more eloquent speakers than I . . . But few could feel any more loss and deep sorrow than I, for losing my pal, Pat.

Hardly a week went by when I did not talk to Pat, often several times a week. You know, Pat seemed to me to be immortal. I never envisioned life without him.

When I first met him, over 35 years ago, he was a strong, big-hearted, courageous Marine who stood out as a man who would always be there when you needed him . . . no matter what the circumstances. He was a Man, a real Man . . . who went out of his way to help his fellow Marines. Always ready for a frolic or a fray, it did not matter which.

Until a few days ago . . . nothing ever happened to change my view of his immortality.

Pat loved three things in this world . . . and his whole life revolved around them in some way, or another.

FIRST—HIS FAMILY—for he was a real family man. His love for Mary and the children was always at the top of his priorities. He talked about them all the time.

MARY—you were his rock and inner strength . . . you always were. His accomplishments are your accomplishments, and they always will be.

MIKE and Rosie and Kara and Moira . . . You are his pride and joy . . . the best of Pat lives in you and your children. All of you were special to him . . . in your own way and he always wanted nothing but the best for you.

MIKE—he was so proud of you when you graduated from Airborne school . . . he made the Graduation Jump with you!!!

Not too bad for somebody who had not jumped for many years . . . and was over 50!

His SECOND great love was HIS Marine Corps. This American Patriot served Corps and Country for over 40 years. He traveled paths few have ever seen. He was a true trail-blazer, a real pioneer in the Marine Corps, one who always led from the front! His Corps and country grew in great strides during that period, and he was a large part of that. From the frozen tundra of Korea to the sweltering jungles of Vietnam to bombed out Beirut, . . . he was there!!! I almost got him to go to Kuwait with me . . . You know. . . "JUST IN CASE!"

Most of those years he served his country, he did it at great personal risk. . . he was no stranger to risk. . . and that's one more reason he means so much to the Marine Corps . . . but, that was Pat!

No man ever loved the Marine Corps more nor served it better than Pat did. He truly gave his everything to making the Corps better for the Men and Woman who dedicate their lives to it's service. He had a special desire to help young Officers and enlisted NCO's. He knew they and their training are what makes the Marine Corps the envy of every Military organization in the world.

Pat embodied the real meaning of LEADERSHIP, both in and out of Combat. He did this in a quiet and subtle manner, in a very unique way . . . that would leave an impression on you forever.

There are many here today who learned some basic truths from Pat, that have motivated them in their lives, both in and out of Combat. For those of us who knew him well, he will always be a part of us.

His THIRD great love, of course, was anything Irish and his friends. He was proud of his Irish heritage and made it a big part of his being. The Marine Corps had it's very own Irish flavor because of Pat.

Pat loved a good time, a good joke and a funny story. He laughed a lot and life was meant to be enjoyed . . . And enjoy it, he did.

We will all miss him terribly, but perhaps we should all be as fortunate in as many ways as Pat! Remember . . . He knew the love of a beautiful woman, the love of his children and he had the sure knowledge that he served his Corps and Country well. He survived the worst that combat could ever throw at him.

Colonel Pat Collins knew the sincere respect of strong men, the fear of weak ones and the admiration and total dedication of all those who served with him. His is a legacy of Our Corps that is envied by many.

Pat gave each of us something special . . . and for that, we won't forget him. It wasn't the rows upon rows of medals he wrote over his proud heart . . . it was what was behind those medals that made him so special. All of us gathered here today, remember this great MAN, this great MARINE and what he stood for . . . His family, his country, his Corps and his friends. Pat's loyalty to all these, is a shining and true testimony to all who are gathered here in Arlington at this hour.

To close, I would like to use the words of the poet, G.K. Chesterton: which I think Pat would have liked.

"'Here's to the Great GAELS of Ireland . . . the men that God made Mad . . . For all their wars are merry . . . and all their songs are sad!'"

All the Best! SEMPER FIDELIS, PAT!

CONDEMNING THE BOMBING IN JERUSALEM MARKET

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to express my deep sorrow over the tragic events that occurred in Jerusalem. Yesterday morning, a marketplace crowded with women, children, and elderly men was rocked by two explosions set off by Arab extremists. When the smoke cleared, 13 people lay dead and another 150 were wounded. Two others have since died in the hospital.

This suicide bombing was the worst terrorist attack since Prime Minister Netanyahu came to office 1 year ago. Not only has this explosion taken a deadly toll on human life, it has also brought an abrupt halt to the already fragile peace process. This time, mere condolences and expressions of regret by PLO Chairman Arafat will not be enough to get the peace process back on track. There is no excuse for this barbarous act and there must be no tolerance of this kind of inhumanity. It is time for the Palestinians to take concrete steps to fight terrorism and work toward peace. That is why I support the resolution adopted by the House condemning the terrorist attack in Jerusalem, expressing the solidarity of the Congress and the American people with the grieving families and people of Israel and calling on Arafat to begin in earnest a war against the assassins of people and peace in Israel.

I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to the families of the dead and injured and offer my prayers and support for peace in Israel.